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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6849

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DELIVER TO NEA/ARN, DAY AT OPENING OF BUSINESS

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: 0900 LEBANON REPORT

1. LAST NIGHT A BIT QUIETER THAN PREVIOUS. CEASEFIRE
ANNOUNCED, BUT IS NOT HOLDING. IT MAY BE REASON
FOR REDUCED SHOOTING AND WE CAN ALWAYS HOPE
IT MIGHT BECOME EFFECTIVE. AUTOMATIC ARMS FIRING
IN RES BEIRUT CONTINUING AND SMALL ARMS GOING OFF
AROUND PHOENICIA, HOLIDAY INN AND CHANCERY AREA.

2. WE ARE PUTTING OUT TO AMERICAN COMMUNITY VIA WARDEN
SYSTEM THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE, WHICH I FIRST READ TO
TAQLA AND TO BRITISH AMBASSADOR (FOR TRANSMISSION TO
THE NINE AND TO THE COMMONWEALTH). QUOTE AS YOU
KNOW, THE EMBASSY HAS AUTHORIZED VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE
OF THE DEPENDENTS OF USG EMPLOYEES. ALSO, THE EMBASSY
IS REDUCING ITS NON-ESSENTIAL STAFF. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT
THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY FOLLOW THIS POLICY AND EVACUATE FROM
LEBANON DEPEDENTS AND PERSONNEL NOT ESSENTIAL TO THEIR
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BUSINESS ACTIVITIES IN LEBANON. END QUOTE.

2. AMERICAN SCHOOL NOT REPEAT NOT OPEN TODAY, DUE LOCAL
SITUATION AND NOT REPEAT NOT TO VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY,
WHICH WE ARE NOT REPEAT NOT OBSERVING.

3. NOTHING REPEAT NOTHING NEW RE GALLAGHER AND DYKES.
APPRECIATE INSTRUCTIONS ON THAT PROBLEM WHICH MAKE
EXCELLENT SENSE AND WHICH WE WILL ANSWER WHEN WE HAVE
EXECUTED THEM, HOPEFULLY IN A FEW HOURS. ALSO
ROY'S MESSAGE 254909 GREATLY APPRECIATED BY ALL.

4. IMPOSSIBILITY OF REACHING RSC, JOURNALIST IN TRADE
HOSPITAL AND TWO OTHER AMERICANS IN ADJACENT BUILDING MOST
FRUSTRATING. ALL OF COURSE ARE BETTER OFF WHERE THEY
ARE AND WE ARE NOT REPEAT NOT RISKING OTHER LIVES OR
THEIR OWN. EVERYONE'S PATIENCE, HOWEVER, IS BEING TRIED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING, ALL TROOPS BEARING UP
WELL.
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